

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

POLICY 15-04

(Adopted July 2, 2015)

INTERIM POLICY ON COMPLIANCE WITH
THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE TRAINING REQUIREMENT

Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2014, An Act Relative to Domestic Violence, requires that the Board of Registration in Medicine and other health profession boards develop and administer licensing standards that include education and training on domestic violence and sexual violence by July 1, 2015. The Board of Medicine is in the midst of developing regulations to implement this law. The Board also needs to change its licensing processes to incorporate the domestic violence and sexual violence training requirement. However, the regulation and the corresponding technical changes to the Board's licensing process will not be in effect by July 1, 2015.

As part of its coordinated plan for the implementation of this statute, the Board adopts the following interim policy, effective immediately:

All applicants for initial full licenses, who file their license applications on July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, shall hereby be granted an automatic administrative waiver of the domestic violence and sexual violence training requirement. All full licensees who renew or apply to revive a lapsed license on July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 shall be granted an automatic administrative waiver of the domestic violence and sexual violence training requirement.

All applicants for initial full licenses who file during this period and all full licensees who apply to renew and all inactive licensees who apply to revive a lapsed license during this period will need to comply with the domestic violence and sexual violence training requirements at their next license renewal.